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## **U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks to hire new mine inspectors in Alabama** *Coal mine inspector positions available in Birmingham and Bessemer*

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is seeking to hire new federal mine inspectors for positions in Birmingham and Bessemer, Ala. Applicant screenings for these coal positions will be held October 18 through 20 in Birmingham at MSHA's district office. Interested citizens who have not previously registered via MSHA's Web site are welcome to attend, subject to space availability.

The MSHA district office is located at 135 Gemini Circle, Suite 213 in Birmingham. On October 18, morning registration will begin at 7 a.m. followed by testing at 8 a.m. CDT. Afternoon registration will begin at noon followed by testing at 1 p.m. CDT. Successful candidates will be interviewed on Friday, October 19, or Saturday, October 20.

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners. Under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, MSHA is recruiting coal mine inspectors for underground, surface and electrical positions at these locations. For additional information, visit the program's Web site at [www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp](http://www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp).

"MSHA is interested in hiring professionals who are willing to help our agency keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "We're looking for qualified people who will continue to make safety the number one priority for the mining industry."

Everyone attending the screening should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Check the MSHA Web site at [www.msha.gov](http://www.msha.gov) to confirm the status of screenings before traveling to the site.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program, should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect a starting annual salary within the range of \$35,752 to \$68,787. In addition to a 40-hour workweek with generous annual, sick and holiday leave, selected candidates are offered health, life and long-term care insurance; a stable retirement program, including a tax-deferred savings plan; travel reimbursement; and flexible spending accounts for medical and dental expenses.

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